

State Interoperability Executive Committee

Meeting Minutes December 11, 2003

Opening :

Chief Ronal Serpas called the meeting to order at 1:42.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the October 13, 2003 meeting were unanimously approved.

Item: Discussion and motion on State Inventory. Findings include: 4 agencies (DOC, WSDOT, WSP, and DNR) own 82.7% of all state radios, 79% of all radios used in by Washington State agencies are operated as analog, 62% of state radios assets operate in the 851-869 MHz band, 37% of state radios assets operate in the 148-174 MHz band, and 10% of state radios assets operate in the 138-144 MHz band. Advisory group requested approval of report content and any additional comments be sent to Mr. Dennis Hausman. The final draft will be sent to the Chair for approval. Upon approval, the final copy will be forwarded to the legislature.

Action: Motion carried unanimously

Item: Discussion of Survey and Final Plan included the plan to reach local government agencies. The plan included: data collection on website, security requirements, and follow-up strategies for local agencies that do not respond. Discussion of the State Interim Plan occurred. The Interim Plan is due March 31, 2004. The intention of the Interim Plan is to plan and focus quick low cost on interoperability solutions. It was recommended to use regional homeland security planning efforts to assist with the Interim Plan. A motion was made to develop a grant package to fund planning efforts.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

Item: Discussion and motion regarding Washington's SIEC joining the 700 MHz Spectrum Coalition. The intent of the Coalition is to attempt to stop the auction of the 10MHz of spectrum by the FCC. A 4-part motion was made. The motion included:

1. A letter of support opposing the auction and reinforcing public safety's need for access to 800 MHz be developed and directed to the FCC and members of the WA congressional delegation.
2. The SIEC encourage the ISB to do the same.
3. Authorize the chair of the SIEC staff to meet with Legislator Glen Anderson to explore joint resolutions.
4. Send letter of participation to spectrum collation.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

Item: Discussion and motion relating to WSDOT's Homeland Security Grant request for \$10 million. WSDOT's grant request will provide 135 portable radios for use in counties and cities with infrastructure links to link disparate legacy systems. It was requested that the SIEC Chair to write letter of endorsement at appropriate time.

Action: Motion passed unanimously.

Item: A presentation was made showing the new SIEC Website, under the URL of <http://isb.wa.gov/siec>. It was requested that an alternate address be created for the SIEC website. The website address is to be <http://siec.wa.gov>

Adjournment :

Meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Members Present:

Alan Komenski, Association of Washington Cities

John Conrad, Department of Transportation

Mary Corso, Washington State Fire Marshall

Stuart McKee, Department of Information Services

Tom Griffith, Washington State Emergency Managers Association

Ronal Serpas, Washington State Patrol

Ken Irwin, Sheriff, Washington State Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs

Rob Sofie, Police Chief, Washington State association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs

Mark Kahley, Department Of Natural Resources

Future Member:

Mike Doherty, Clallam County Commissioner